



MAPLE RIDGE
MUSEUM

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Heritage Detectives

Wildlife Edition

MAPLE RIDGE WILDLIFE

Many species of wildlife call Maple Ridge home. Some you might only see while going on walks in parks, while others you might see hanging around your home. Below you will find some common examples of the local wildlife with introductions so you can get to know them better.



WOLF

You'll find me in: any habitat, but preferably a remote one.
My favorite foods are: medium to large mammals.
Most unique feature: my howl.
Fun fact: Dogs are the descendants of an extinct wolf species.



DEER

You'll find me in: the forest or grassy areas.
My favorite foods are: grass, nuts and other plants.
Most unique feature: my graceful jump.
Fun fact: Female deer are called does, and males are called bucks.



CANADA GOOSE

You'll find me in: aquatic habitats.
My favorite foods are: grass and grains.
Most unique feature: my honking noise,
Fun fact: I love Canada, but for winter I fly South for warmer weather.



COYOTE

You'll find me in: open or semi-wooded areas, or your neighborhood.
My favorite foods are: anything!
Most unique feature: my narrow pointed face.
Fun fact: As a canine, I'm related to dogs and wolves.



BLUE HERON

You'll find me in: marshes and wetlands.
My favorite foods are: fish.
Most unique feature: my long legs and neck.
Fun fact: When I'm flying I hold my neck in an S shape with my legs dangling behind me.



SQUIRREL

You'll find me in: backyards and forests.
My favorite foods are: fungi, seeds and even some insects.
Most unique feature: my big bushy tail.
Fun fact: I can find food buried under a foot of snow thanks to my sense of smell.

MAPLE RIDGE WILDLIFE (continued)



RABBIT

You'll find me in: most areas, but grasslands especially.

My favorite foods are: weeds, grass, wildflowers and twigs.

Most unique feature: my long ears.

Fun fact: My vision covers almost a full 360 degrees.



CROW

You'll find me in: open areas such as farms or urban areas.

My favorite foods are: anything!

Most unique feature: my black iridescent feathers.

Fun fact: It's best not to anger me because I have an excellent memory and can hold a grudge.



MOUSE

You'll find me in: forests, grasslands, and buildings.

My favorite foods are: fruits, seeds, and sometimes meat.

Most unique feature: is how tiny I am.

Fun fact: As a rodent, I'm related to squirrels, raccoons, and beavers.



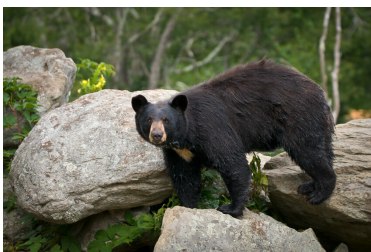
BEAVER

You'll find me in: freshwater habitats.

My favorite foods are: tree bark and cambium, along with other plants.

Most unique feature: my flat paddle-shaped tail.

Fun fact: I'm proud to be Canada's national animal.



BLACK BEAR

You'll find me in: forests, mountains and sometimes your neighborhood.

My favorite foods are: plants, insects, and fish.

Most unique feature: my claws, which help me climb trees.

Fun fact: In the winter, I go into a deep sleep called hibernation.



RACCOON

You'll find me in: forest and urban areas.

My favorite foods are: everything!

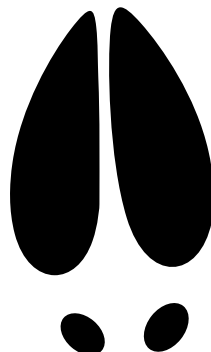
Most unique feature: my black markings AKA my bandit mask.

Fun fact: My hands have a very strong sense of touch allowing me to "see" with my hands.

PAW PRINTS

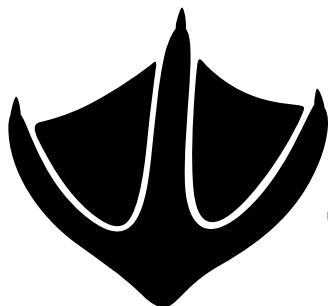
Guess which animal each paw print belongs to.

















CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect the dots to discover the animal and then colour it in!

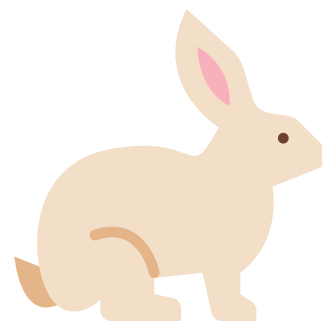
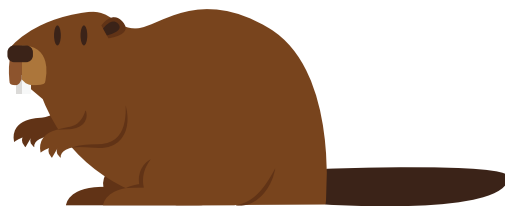
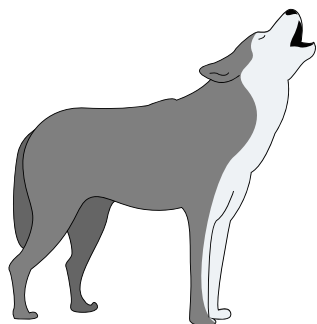


What type of animal is this? _____

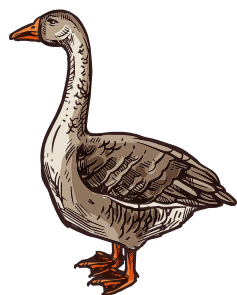
Hint: It is Canada's national animal.

WHAT'S THEIR DIET?

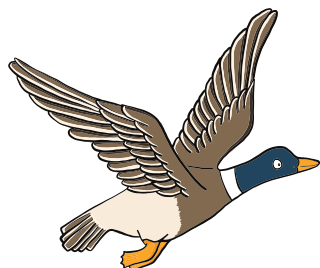
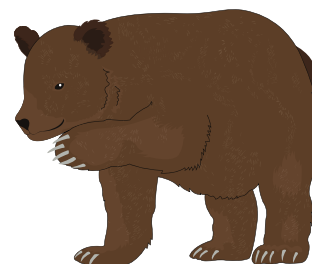
Draw lines between each animals and their diet type.



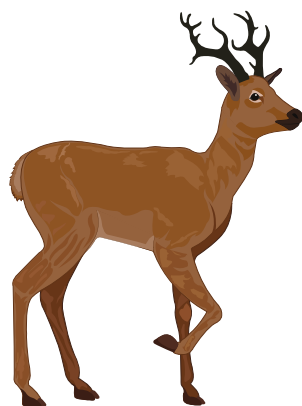
CARNIVORE
Animals who eat meat.



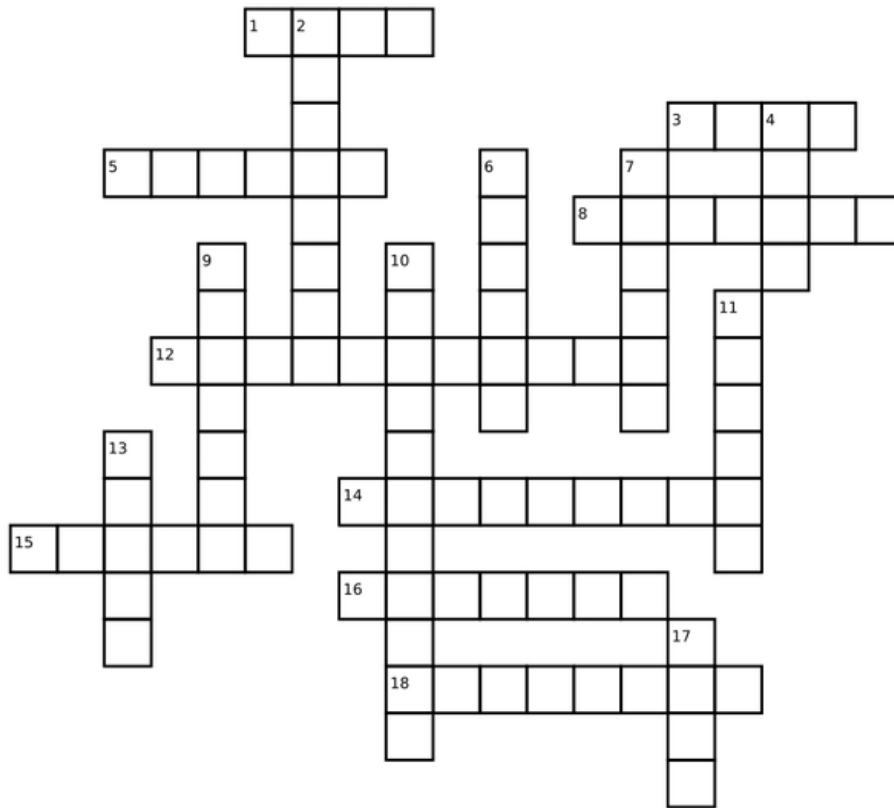
OMNIVORE
Animals who eat meat and plants.



HERBIVORE
Animals who eat plants.



WILDLIFE CROSSWORD



Down:

2. I eat both plants and meat.
4. I have black iridescent feathers.
6. A herbivore eats _____.
7. Wolves and coyotes are part of this animal family.
9. All living things except humans.
10. I fly south in the fall, and fly back to Canada in the Spring.
11. I have a tail shaped like a paddle.
13. I am a bird with long legs and long neck.
17. Female _____ are called does, male _____ are called bucks.

Across:

1. I like to howl at the moon.
3. I make a quacking sound.
5. I move around by hopping.
8. I have been described to look like a bandit due to my fur.
12. During the winter, bears go into _____.
14. I only eat meat.
15. A large area covered in trees.
16. Mice, raccoons, and squirrels are all _____.
18. I am a very common small animal, with a big bushy tail.